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The reply brief has been noted. The examiner will further note that the limitation claiming the facilitator has been addressed, from the final rejection, Page 3 "...there would inherently need to be a facilitator as there would, of necessity, be someone to lead the organization giving the subsidies." As can be seen, the examiner was giving the word "facilitator" a broad meaning, as is required. The facilitator could, for instance, be the director of the agency directing the subsidies. While the inventor can be his own lexicographer, the examiner must give any usual meanings to words already currently in use.

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